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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**URBAN WATERSHED SUMMIT
SPONSORSHIP CONTRIBUTION
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Authorize the Acting Chief Engineer of the Flood Control District, or his designee, to contribute \$1,000 from funds available in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Flood Control District Budget to Heal the Bay for cosponsoring the February 12, 2005, Urban Watershed Summit.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit organization dedicated to making Southern California coastal water safe and healthy. Heal the Bay and co-organizers, including the County of Los Angeles, will be hosting an Urban Watershed Summit at the Compton Community College on February 12, 2005. This conference will focus on ways organizations can work together to improve the health and vitality of urban communities as well as the environment through coordinated urban watershed restoration efforts. Participants will include elected officials, watershed professionals, community leaders and members, and other stakeholders.

Heal the Bay is currently soliciting financial assistance to fund several aspects of the conference. Public Works has been invited to cosponsor this educational event by contributing \$1,000. The contribution will go towards refreshments for the participants. Sponsors will be recognized on both printed materials and during the conference. Heal

the Bay will prepare and submit a report of the Summit's findings to Public Works. Participation and cosponsorship of the Urban Watershed Summit will further Public Works' mission to lead the planning and implementation of watershed management and provide a higher quality of life for the communities in the County of Los Angeles. It will also enhance networking with watershed stakeholders.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action meets the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as it provides Public Works with more knowledge on how to improve the health and vitality of urban communities as well as the environment through coordinated urban watershed restoration efforts.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. Funds for this contribution are available in the Fiscal Year 2004-05 Flood Control District Budget. The District will contribute \$1,000 towards hosting the Urban Watershed Summit. Several cities, the Metropolitan Water District, San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, TreePeople, and other organizations have or are in the process of contributing to the event.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Upon Board approval, the District will distribute the funds to Heal the Bay.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Not applicable.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

Not applicable.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects due to this recommended contribution.

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CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel